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Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, January 27th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution makes the following statements regarding mentors and mentoring:

- “Mentors serves as role models, advocates, friends, and advisors to young people in need;”
- “Numerous studies document that mentors help young people augment social skills, enhance emotional well-being, improve cognitive skills, and plan for the future;”
- 17.5 million young people “want or need mentors” but only 2.5 million youth are in formal mentoring relationships;
- On January 2, 2003, President Bush designated January 2003 as National Mentoring Month; and
- National Mentoring month will “raise awareness of mentoring” and “encourage more people to volunteer as mentors.”

The resolution further states that the House of Representatives “commends those who give their time and talents to support mentoring programs” and “supports efforts to promote greater awareness of the need for youth mentors and increased involvement with youth through mentoring.”

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.Res. 26—Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools (Vitter)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, January 27th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution makes the following statements regarding Catholic schools:

- Catholic schools are “internationally acclaimed for their academic excellence” and ensure a “broad, values-added education emphasizing the lifelong development of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values in America’s young people;”
- More than 26 percent of school children enrolled in Catholic schools are minorities, and more than 13 percent are non-Catholics; and
- Catholic schools “produce students strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in spiritual, character, and moral development.”

The resolution further states that the House of Representatives “supports the goals of Catholic Schools Week, an event co-sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops” and “congratulates Catholic schools, student, parents, and teachers across the Nation for their ongoing contributions to education.”

Additional Background: Catholic Schools Week is January 26-February 1, 2003.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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